

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
May 17, 2006**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos county Fire Department) reported that the recent rainfall in the Los Alamos region reduced the fire hazard to moderate levels. However, this respite will be only temporary with the return of warmer, sunny weather.

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced that the most rainfall that was recorded at LANL recently was only 0.09 inches.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) added that Bandelier only received 0.04 inches during the recent rain storms.

Gary Kemp (Bandelier National Monument) announced that Bandelier National Monument will implement Stage II fire restrictions before the end of May.

Phil Taylor (Los Alamos County Emergency Management) has been working with San Ildefonso Pueblo to maintain the road through Rendija Canyon in a passable condition.

Sam Loftin (Ecology Group, LANL) recently participated in a follow-up interview with the auditors from the Inspector General's Office. The audit report is expected to be released in the next few months.

Randy Balice (Emergency Operations Office, LANL) reported that Scot Johnson and Dan Young have been updating the weather prediction capability for fire behavior modeling.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Operations Office, LANL) is completing the mitigation work at the DARHT. Manny has also been assisting the San Ildefonso Pueblo with the maintenance of their equipment.

Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest) reported in an email that the thinning on Forest Service land to the west of LANL is underway. At the current time there is approximately 700 cords of fire wood available in the American Springs area.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 31, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice ([balice@lanl.gov](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.